

CHAPTER 3. - COUNCIL PROCEDURES

Sec. 3.1. - Council meetings.

The council shall meet regularly at least once each month at such times and places as the council may designate by ordinance. The mayor or any three members of the council may call special meetings of the council upon at least 24 hours notice to each member, and such reasonable public notices as may be prescribed by council rule in compliance with state statutes. The 24 hours notice shall not be required in an emergency. A state of emergency shall be deemed to exist when the public peace, health, morals, safety or welfare are in immediate jeopardy. To the extent provided by state statutes, all meetings of the council and its committees shall be public, and any citizen shall have access to the minutes and records of the council at all reasonable times. During any of its public meetings, the council shall not prohibit, but may place reasonable restrictions upon citizens' comments and questions and citizen input shall be provided for at the beginning of each council meeting.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 1(Subd. 1), 11-23-2004)

Sec. 3.2. - [Precincts].

3.2.1 [Repealed].

3.2.2 Precinct boundaries. The precinct boundaries shall correspond to those adopted and revised periodically by council, by resolution.

3.2.3 [Repealed]

(Ord. of 9-8-1993; Ord. of 1-28-2000; Ref. of 11-5-2002; Ord. of 9-8-2003)

Sec. 3.3. - Rules of procedure and quorum.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the council shall determine its own rules and order of business. A majority of all members shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time. The council may by rule provide means by which a minority may compel the attendance of absent members in accordance with state statutes.

Sec. 3.4. - Ordinances, resolutions and motions.

3.4.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Charter of state statutes, an affirmative vote of four or more members of the council shall be required for the adoption of all ordinances, resolutions and motions. The votes of councilmembers on any action taken shall be recorded in accordance with state statutes.

3.4.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, all legislation shall be by ordinance. The vote on all ordinances shall be by a roll call vote.

3.4.3 The general administrative business of the council shall be conducted by resolution or motion.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 1(Subd. 2), 11-23-2004)

Sec. 3.5. - Procedures on ordinances.

Every proposed ordinance shall be presented in writing. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject. Such subject shall be clearly expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall be "The City of Ramsey

Ordains." No ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, shall be adopted at the meeting at which it is introduced and at least three days shall elapse between its introduction and final adoption.

(Ord. No. 85-09, 9-28-1985)

Sec. 3.6. - Emergency ordinances.

An emergency ordinance is an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, morals, safety or welfare, and in such ordinance the emergency is defined and declared in a preamble thereto. An emergency ordinance must be approved by a majority of available members of the city council. An emergency ordinance must be in writing but may be enacted without previous filing or voting, and may be adopted finally at the meeting at which it is first introduced and voted upon by the council. An emergency ordinance shall remain in effect for the duration of the emergency. No prosecution shall be based upon the provisions of an emergency ordinance until 24 hours after the ordinance has been adopted, filed with the city clerk, and either has been posted in three conspicuous places in the city or published as provided for in this Charter, or the person charged with violation thereof had actual notice of the ordinance prior to the act or omission resulting in the prosecution.

(Ord. of 1-24-2001)

Sec. 3.7. - Signing and publication of ordinances.

The final version of every ordinance shall be read in full prior to passage by council unless such reading is waived by a majority vote of the council, provided that a copy of the ordinance is posted or otherwise made available to the public at least three working days prior to the meeting at which it is to be adopted. The ordinance shall then be signed by the mayor, attested to by the city clerk, and filed and preserved by the city clerk. Each ordinance, or summary of such ordinance, shall be published at least once in the official newspaper. This summary of each ordinance shall include, in layman's terms, the intent of the ordinance. To the extent and in the manner provided by state statutes, an ordinance may incorporate by reference, a state statute, a state administrative rule or a state regulation, a code, or an ordinance or part thereof, without publishing the material referred to in full.

(Ord. of 1-24-2001)

Sec. 3.8. - Procedure on resolutions.

Every resolution shall be presented in writing and shall be filed and preserved by the city clerk.

(Ord. No. 85-09, 9-28-1985; Ord. of 1-24-2001)

Sec. 3.9. - When ordinances and resolutions passed by city council take effect.

Every resolution and emergency ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption or at such later date as it specifies. Every other ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its publication or at such later date as it specifies.

Sec. 3.10. - Amendment and repeal of ordinances and resolutions.

3.10.1 An ordinance or resolution which repeals all or part of a previous ordinance or resolution, respectively, shall give the number, if any, in the title of the ordinance or resolution to be repealed in whole or in part. No ordinance or resolution shall be amended by reference to the title alone, but an ordinance or resolution which amends such ordinance or resolution, respectively, shall set forth in full each section to be amended and shall indicate by appropriate type or symbols, matter to be omitted

or added. Amendment or repeal of an ordinance or resolution shall require a majority vote of all members of the council, unless otherwise provided in this Charter or by state statutes.

3.10.2 Repeal of initiative ordinances. An ordinance passed under the initiative power shall not be repealed or amended by the council except by submission to the voters of the question by the council at a regular municipal or special election.

Sec. 3.11. - Review and revision of ordinances and indexing of resolutions.

The city shall review, revise and rearrange its ordinance code and its resolution index with such additions and deletions as may be deemed necessary by the council at least once every two years. The ordinance code and the resolution index may be published in a book, pamphlet or loose-leaf form and copies shall be made available by the council at the office of the city clerk for general distribution to the public for a reasonable charge. Incorporation in such a code shall be a sufficient publication of any ordinance provision not previously published, if a notice is placed in the official newspaper for at least two successive weeks that copies of the codification are available at the office of the city clerk.

(Ord. of 1-24-2001)